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Cont- said [actuator means] shaft having a greater width at said second position than in said first position.

Remarks

By this amendment Claims 1 to 10 have been amended in an effort to better distinguish them over the reference relied upon in the Office Action. In addition, amendments have been made to Claims 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 to overcome the indefiniteness noted by the Examiner. It is acknowledged that the Examiner has renumbered newly added Claim 6 to Claim 10.

Claim 1 to 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Europe publication '842. Claim 1 has been amended to define that the actuator means is moveable to a first position between the space prongs and to a second position between the spaced prongs. In addition, the actuator simultaneously urges the locking elements outward in opposite directions. It is submitted that amended Claim 1 clearly defines over the reference of record. The Europe publication discloses a pair of spaced receptors mounted on opposite sides of the die. The receptors require separate actuators to lock the prongs 3 and separate release as would be necessary. The actuator means of the Europe publication does not urge the locking elements outward nor are the actuators located between the prongs as recited in Claim 1. The invention of Claim 1 permits convenient and effective retention of electrical prongs without the requirement of separate and duplicate parts as required in the securement


technique of the European publication. Thus, Claims 1 to 3 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 4 has been amended to include the features of amended Claim 1 as presented in the Preliminary Amendment. Inasmuch as Claims 4 to 9 were indicated to be in allowable condition subject to being rewritten in independent form, it is submitted that Claims 4 to 9 are now allowable.

Claim 10 was further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over the Europe publication. Claim 10 has been amended to define that the actuator means is an elongated shaft having a portion extended beyond the socket receptacle and having a greater width at the second position than in the first position. The actuator 9 shown in the Europe publication is not an elongated shaft having a variable width as defined in Claim 10. Thus, Claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

By this amendment applicant has made every effort to more accurately and adequately define the invention of the application and has presented allowable claims. For this reason, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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